



PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Emad S. Alnemri  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 16-112.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the instant application. Claims 16-112 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of additional continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional applications thereon.